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A DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CALL.

TO DECLARE FOR THE MORRISON BILL. THE FREE TRADERS DETERMINED TO RULE-LIT-THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY CAN CONTROL THE

HOUSE. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, March 20.—A call for a Democratic cancus on the Morrison bill will be issued to-morrow, and the caucus will be held on Tuesday night. It is understood that Mr. Randall was asked whether that time would be acceptable to him, and that he replied that Wednesday night would suit him better. Tuesday night was fixed, however, as the time. "The caucus will adopt a flat-footed declaration in favor of pushing the Morrison bill as a party measure, and I do not believe that twenty Democrats will be found to oppose it after the caucus resolution has been adopted," said a Demoerat who is well informed in respect to the plans and purposes of the free trade leaders. He does not think it will be practicable to modify the bill, except perhaps by dropping salt, coal and lumber from the proposed free list. The friends of the bill say it is only "a short step in the direction of tariff reform," and that if the Democrats carry the next election a much longer stride will be taken in the

TRYING TO MAKE THE DOSE LESS OFFENSIVE. And yet this "short step" is so much too long for some of the Democrats in the House that it is understood the friends of the bill are engaged in a serious effort to curtail it, for the benefit of certain Democrats who have not yet reached the full statnie of "tariff reformers." The bill is being handed around among these weak brethren, and each one is asked to indicate such changes and modifications as will be necessary before he can vote for it. It is pretty generally conceded that the ball cannot pass in its present form, even if a Democratic caucus shall propose it as a party measure. To pass it will require 168 Democratic votes, if none of the members is paired. It is said the friends of the measure have made a canvass, which shows Cheever." On cross-examination, he contradicted him that 168 votes cannot be had, unless the free list is abandoned, but that the bill can be carried by a majority of from seven to ten votes if that be done. A Democrat who is opposed to the bill says free coal, sait and lumber will cost it 6 Democratic votes in California, 3 each in Wisconsin, Michigan and West Virginia, and 4 in Maryland.

DEMOCRATS COUNTED IN OPPOSITION, He also declares that even if the free list be dropped the following-named Democrats will refuse to vote for the bill in any event: Messrs. Euton and Seymour, of Connecticut; Spriggs, Wemple, Robinson, Van Alstyne, Beach, Arnot and Millard, of New-York ; Ferrel, Fielder, McAdoo, of New-Jersey; Randall, Elliott, Ermentrout, Mutchler, Storm, Connolly, Post, Duncan, Curtin, Suyder, of West Virginia; Murray, Seney, Hili, Converse, Geddes, Warner, Wilkins, Paige and Foran, of Ohio; Hewitt and Shelley, of Alabama; Ellis, Hunt and Lewis, of Louisiana; G. D. Wise, Barbour and Cabell, of Virginia; Lamb, of Indiana; Budd, Tuiley and Sumner, of California.

If 36 Democrats vote against the measure it cannot pass the House. If the canvass before given be correct there will be 46 Democratic votes against the bill. Boyle, Hopkins and Patten, of Pennsylvania;

THE RHODE ISLAND REPUBLICANS.

THE OLD TICKET RENOMINATED-SENATOR ANTHONY CONGRATULATED.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.1 PROVIDENCE, March 20.-The Republican State Convention to-day was fully attended. Nevertheless the proceedings were tame and commonplace; for the delegates were of one view, and had come there simply for the purpose of renominating the present State officers, and re-electing the State Central Committee. The chairman of the State Central Committee, William A. Pierce, of Johnston, in calling the convention to order, ridicaled the proceedings of the Independent and Democratic conventions, and especially the futile action of the Democrats in nominating Corliss. George A. Williar, of Woonsocket, was elected chairman. The only difference of opinion that existed in the convention was the question of which set of delegates from the town of Warwick were orthodox. The cor seated the regular set and rejected the boiling or Goddard delegates. The chair urged harmony in a Presi

Before the nominations were made, ex-Lieutenant. Governor Fay, of Newport, offered a resolution, which was adopted, congratulating Senator Henry B. Anthony on his recuperated health. George Lewis Gower, of Providence, m a brief speech introduced the name of Augustus C for Governor. The other State officers were then re-

A SPEECH BY GOVERNOR BOURN. The Governor was waited upon by a committee and re turned with them and addressed the convention.

He made a speech of a general character, congratulating the Republican party on the material prosperity of the country, and that most Government officers are now appointed according to merit rather than political service. In a few months, he said, the people will be called upon to decide whether the country shall continue to go on under a Republican administration for the next four years or go under the uncertainty of a Democratic rule. He felt confident that Rhode Island will show no hesitation at that time; and that in the coming State election she will prove a harbinger of success, as she has done in the past. frman Wilbur urged the delegates to endeavor to

Coarruan within urged the decigates to checked to carry the State for the present nominees by the largest majority ever pollest, and the convention adjourned. Neitner party has adopted a platform this year, and as they bor it hink practically alike on the tariff question there is no issue between the parties in this State.

THE VIRGINIA BOURBONS. **

PAIGHTENED AT THE THREATENED PARTY DIVISION IN CONGRESS ON THE TARIFF,

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 20 .- At a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee here to-day, it was resolved to call a convention at Richmond on May 14. The following resolutions were adopted: "That the Democratic State Committee have observed with grave country upon the tariff, and feel at liberty to express their opinion, individually, that the agitation of the ques-tion at this period is unwise and should be discouraged, and that all Democrats should subordinate all differences in concentration upon the one great issue of reform of the Government, and its restoration to purity and true con-

utional principles.
That the State Committee carnestly urge the Virginia "that the State Committee earnestly urge us to be be been occatice delegation in Congress to use all possible diligence to bring before the Danville Investigating Committee evidence which is necessary to refute the foul and intenses slanders which have been given to the public by the leaders of the Contition party in reference to this matter, and that this committee authorize their chairman to retain the services of such counsel as he may deem necessary in the oremisis."

VERMONT FOR EDMUNDS.

COLONEL GEORGE W. HOOKER THINKS THE SENATOR COULD CARRY NEW-YORK.

[RY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Boston, March 20.-The Vermont correpondent of The Journal recently met Colonel George W. Hooker, a member of the Republican National Committee. The Colonel is an enthusiastic advocate of the nom ination of Edmunds and Liucoln at Chicago. He believes the Republicans of New-York could be united on Ed munds, and that he would carry the Empire State. The Vermont delegation to the Chicago Convention has cecured twelve commodious rooms at the Paimer House, which will be the headquarters for the Green Mountain boys during the National Convention. Colonel Hooker has been urged to be one of the delegates, but positively declines to allow the use of his name. The Republican State Convention has been called at Montpeller, on Wednesday, April 30, to elect delegates. The Convention will consist of 715 members.

THE CINCINNATI REPUBLICANS.

CINCINNATI, March 20.-The Republican City Convention was held here to-day. J. B. Foraker was chosen temporary chairman and later W. H. Taft permanent chairman. The following nominations were ade: Board of Public Works-Henry Koro. Judge of Euperior Court-Fred W. Moore, Clerk of Police Courtsorge Richards. Director of City Infirmary-Henry

Resolutions were adopted charging Democratic caucosses and conventions in this state with virtually selling offices of trust and noner to the highest bidder; declaring in favor of the restoration of the tariff on wood, and in favor of the factor law remaining as it is. A resolution was also adopted commending General Logan for introducing the bill to distribute public lands among

the soldiers of the late rebellion, and asking for its passage by Congress.

DELEGATES FROM WESTCHESTER. In the XIIth Congressional District, consisting of Westchester County and Twenty-third and Twentyfourth Wards of New-York, an active canvass is going of in regard to the election of delegates to the Chicago Convention. Of the two delegates from the district it is probable that Collector Robertson will be one. George W. Parsons, who lives in the western part of the district, is named as a possible delegate, and the name of ex-County Judge Sins D. Gifford is also mentioned. There is a little opposition to the election of Judge Robertson, owing to the stand that he took in 1880 on the "unit rule," but it is believed that his election will be nearly

CHAUTAUQUA WANTS BLAINE FOR PRESIDENT,

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] JAMESTOWN, March 20.-Interviews with leading Republican merchants, manufacturers and business men of Jamestown in regard to the Republican nomination for the Presidency, are published in *The Journal* to-day. They reveal the fact that Blaine is generally preferred; but Edmunds is thought to be the strongest candidate. Arthur has a small following. Lincoln is almost unanimously named for Vice-President.

ONE MORE DELEGATE FOR RANDALL. Media, Penn., March 20 .- The Democrats of Delaware County, to-day elected Dr. J. L. Forwood delegate to the National Convention and instructed for Ran-dall for President.

A SENSATION IN COURT.

AN IMPORTANT WITNESS IN THE GREENING MUR-DER TRIAL ABRUPTLY RECANTS.

INT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. MILFORD, March 20,-In the Greening murder trial to-day several witnesses were introduced to prove that the prisoner had made threats and shown emity. The most important witness was Benjamin. His testiony caused a great sensation. He testified: "I lived with Jerry Greening at the time of the murder. That morning he sent me over to John Greening's after son game, to take to Miltord for sale. On the way over, I passed Cheever's place, and saw Cheever lying in the yard dead. I went on to John's, and told him, and he said he had done it, because he had trouble with self, and got in a complete muddle, and jumped up and exclaimed, "Gentlemen, I am afraid I've gotimyself in — bad muss." This statement caused much excitement As soon as order was restored he said to Judge Seely "There have been many here that have been trying to get me into this muss." He confessed that his testimony regarding the murder was false, and said he had bee told to tell that story by Joseph A. Sandford, Cheever's uncle, who promised to take him to Boston and give him ing. He said h's testimony before the Coroner's jury

On the redirect examination, he said Sandford only asked him to tell the truth in regard to the shooting, and he interred he meant for him to say John Greening did it. He contradicted and recontradicted himself, and at last said, " Gentlemen, you've got me badly mixed up. The opinion prevalls that Benjamin knows all about the mirder, but is atriid to tell, for fear of the Greenings, or because of compileity.

SPRING PRICES FOR COAL.

THE READING COMPANY'S NEW CIRCULAR-THE TRADE DISSATISFIED.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE PHILADELPHIA, March 20. - The Reading Company entered on its Spring tariff on coal to-day. The prices at Port Richmond on hard white ash coal are as follows: Lump and steamboat, \$4 40; broken and egg \$3 75; stove, \$3 90; Chestnut, \$3 65; and Pea, \$2 50; free burning white ash coal-lump, steamboat, broken and egg. \$3 50; stove, \$3 90; chestnut, \$3 65; and Pea, \$2 40. The prices at Port Elizabeth on hard white ash coal are, lump and steamboat, \$4 75; broken and egg, \$4 10; egg, \$4 15; chestnut, \$4; and Pea, \$2 85. On free burning coal-lump, steamboat, broken and egg, \$3 80; stove, \$4 15; chestnut, \$4; and pca, \$2 85. \$3 80; stove, \$4 15; chestnut, \$4; and pca, \$2 85. These rates make the following reductions from the prior circular; 0 nthe hard coal, lamp and steamboat, 10 cents; broken, 15; egg, 30; stove, 60; chestnut, 50; and pca 15. On the free burning coals the reduction on lump and steamboat is 10 cents; broken, 15; egg, 45; stove, 60; chestnut, 50; and pea 10. The opening rate this spring, as compared with that of last spring, shows a reduction of 10 cents on lump and steamboat, no reduction on broken and egg, 10 cents on stove, and 15 on chestnut and pea. The change in price made by the new circular is not satisfactory to the trade. The reductions are not regarded as sufficient to induce purchasers to come into the market.

A PAIR OF FUGITIVE DESPERADOES.

VINELAND EXCITED OVER RECENT ROBBERIES AND A MURDER-INACTIVE AUTHORITIES.

[EY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] VINELAND, N. J., March 20.-The authorities are making little effort to aid in the search now being secuted by individuals for the capture of the Jones brothers, suspected of the murder of farmer Vaters. It is now known that the desperadoes had stolen the furniture and household effects from dwellings in and about Vinland sufficient to fill a house located just outside the village, which, finding empty, they had taken possession of. This stock the brothers, through some unknown agent, disposed of to various tradesmen in Millyllle since their escape from fall on Sunday last. It is further discovered that they lodged and took breakfast at a house at that place Monday night.

The older Jones was armed with a long-bladed butcher knife, the handle of which protruded above the collar of his coat. A few years ago he was employed on an oyster boat, and it is the theory of the pursuers that they have made their escape in the direction of the Delaware shore on a fishing smack.

eople generally are thoroughly indignant at the Propie generally are thoroughly indignant at the tardiness of the township authorities in taking measures to apprehend the fugitives. It is believed that they have done nothing more than to mail two poster cards to the police departments of Philadelphia and Camden, announcing the fact that "two young" men escaped from jail on sunday night. The card gives but a measure description of the men, and fails to even mention their names. George W. Vaters, a son of the mardered man, living in Cincinnati, arrived in Vincland this morning and spent the day inspecting the scene of the tragedy.

BEATING THE INSURANCE RECORDS.

REMARKABLE LONGEVITY OF A DOWN-EASTER-HIS POLICY PAID.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Boston, March 20.—Charles Barrett, of Ashburnham, is ninety-six years old. In 1846, when he was fifty-eight years old, he was insured for \$1,000 in one of the best-known life insurance companies. The policy was payable at death only, but within a few days Mr. has received from the company a check for the ful mas received from the company a check for the full amount of the policy, together with the dividend for the current year. In transmitting the check the president of the company writes that Mr. Barrett is the only member of that company who ever outlived the mortality table, and that there has not been asimilar instance of longevity in any other company in this country.

PECUNIARY REWARDS FOR BRAVERY.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] NEW-HAVEN, March 20 .- The total amoun raised for the longshoremen who rescued the crew of the wrecked schooner Jane from her frozen rigging, in the storm of February 20, off New-Haven harbor, is \$1,220.20. The Chamber of Commerce Committee voted to give \$75 to the captains of the different boats' crews and to divide the remainder among the other fourteer rescuers. By this arrangement each man will receive

A TAX COLLECTOR DEFAMED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] New-Haven, March 20,-Theophilus Eaton, tax collector of North Haven, was accused several months ago by John J. Culver with appropriating about \$50 of the school tax, which Mr. Eaton claimed to have been unable to collect. In town meeting every one but Mr. Cul ver voted to relieve Mr. Eaton of all responsibility for the deficit. The collector has sued Culver for \$500 damages. The case was on trial to-day, and attracted many wealtny farmers resident in and about North Haven.

A CONNECTICUT HERMIT'S SUICIDE.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. WILLIAMANTIC, March 20,-Michael Kane, age about sixty, who lived alone on the country road near Rockville, was found dead in his house yesterday, having cut his throat from ear to ear with a razor. He had evi-

THE CURAN EMIGRANTS RELEASED.

clothing suitable to this climate, including rubber boots for the women, and the warmest of dresses for the little "banditil". The whole party were then forwarded by the Fall River line to New-York where they will take a steamer for San Domingo.

PURITAN RELICS UNEARTHED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Boston, March 20 .- While digging a grave n the town of Plymouth for the remains of Miss Judson sister of the famous missionary, the workmen came upo the foundation of the Pilgrim watch-tower erected in

1843, and several of the bricks were thrown out and appropriated for souvenirs. All the foundations of the ower remain, even to the hearthstone, but they are hidden tower remain, even to the heart many contents of the structure are marked by hammered stone posts. The bricks were somewhat larger than those now made, and were brought from England. According to the records of that date they were sold to the town for eleven shilling per thousand.

SEEKING A LOST HEIR.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] PHILADELPHIA, March 20.-Friends are in this city endeavoring to find some trace of a German named Henry S. Shonborn, who was last heard of here. A man died in Germany several months ago, leaving an A man used in teermany several months ago, leaving an estate of \$150,000 to be equally divided among three brothers, two of whom are living in Washington, and this man being the third. An unknown person answering to the description of the missing Shomborn committed suicide in Fairmount Park last June, and it is believed now they were identical.

ACCIDENT TO A LIMITED EXPRESS.

IT MEETS AN OBSTRUCTION-SEVERAL PASSENGERS HURT-FIREMAN AND ENGINEER KILLED.

PITTSBURG, March 20 .- Official reports to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company say: The castward bound Chicago limited express was coming down the Franklin grade, three miles east of Salem, Ohio, at the rate of forty miles an hour this morning, when the engine struck an obstruction of some kind, and, jumping the track, went over the embankment, thirty feet. The entitrain left the rails, but only the baggage and smoking cars were upset. When the engine overturned the boller exploded with terrific force, and James Richards, the engineer, and Charles Rhodes, the fireman, were blown 400 yards distant and instantly killed. Baggage-master Beiel and Brakeman Landis were slightly injured. The following passengers were also burt: J. H. Mc-Kuight, of Fort Shaw, Montana, scalp wound; J. B. Vietz,

of New-York, head cut; H. T. Douglass, of Fort Yates, Dakota, bad scalp wound; R. Brunswick, of Eric, Penn.; Dakota, bad scalp wound; R. Brunswick, of Eric, Penn.;
A. C. Huestis, Fort Wayne, cuts on hand; D. C. Newcamp, Atchson, Kansas, hurt about the back; William
Fuller and E. A. Rich, Chicago, slight injuries; and several others, including the Pullman car porter, were
bruissed or scratched. A train was sent out from Pittsburg immediately after news of the accident was received
to which the passengers were transferred. They were all
able to go through to their destination. This is the first
serious accident that has happened to the New-York and
Chicago limited express since it began running, nearly
three years ago.

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As yet no definite cause can be assigned for the acci-dent, but the opinion is expressed that an obstruction had maliciously been placed on the track in such a way that the engineer could not notice it in time to avert the dis-

The combination smoking and baggage car followed the engine over the embankment, when the accident occurred, and landed upon the boiler with such violence as to force the driving wheels through the floor, the ear being demolished completely. The dining-car was thrown over on its side and sild down the embankment and was completely wrecked. The remaining two cars were forced from the track, and the trucks of the forward car were thrown a distance of 20 feet. Both cars were badly damaged. For a few moments after the explosion the interior of the sleeping-car was a scene of linextreable confusion. The screams of the lady passengers were heart-rending; and the crice of strong men could be heard above the din, calling for help. Some little time chapeed before an attempt was made to ascertain the extent of the accident, owing to the excitement and to the fact that every person was either unconscious or imprisoned. The first person to emerge from the wreck was the colored porter, who, although badly braised, sueceded in breaking the windows of the sleeping-cars, which afforded an avenue of escape, and one by one the passengers crawled out. It was soon ascertained that none of them had been seriously injured, although cleven were more or less seriously cut and bruised. to force the driving-wheels through the floor, the car

NEGRO AND INDIAN EDUCATION.

GENERAL ARMSTONNG AND HIS PUPILS-A MEETING IN BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, March 20.—General Armstrong, principal of the Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Va., having been requested to deliver an adnstitute, did so here to-night. Every seat in the Academy of Music, including the galleries, was filled, as well as the lobbles leading to the ball. Chief Judge Brown presided. Brief addresses were made by Rob-ert H. Hamilton, a colored graduate, by Ohitika and Thomas Tuttle, two Sioux Indian students, and and Thomas Tuttle, two Sioux Indian students, and an eloquent and sensible speech by Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Normal School, of Alabama, a graduate of the Hampton School, on the relations of the white and black races in the South. His chief idea was that the colored man should elevate himself by work, and that harmony would always exist between the races when the black man had something that the white man wanted. He gave a most interesting account of the progress and good work of the Tuskegee School. The exercises closed with an address by General Armstrong. Deep interest was manifested by the large audience.

A "STUFFED CLUB" FOR SENATOR SHARON.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20 .- In the Sharon divorce case to-day a letter from ex-Governor Reichart, of Wisconsin, dated Beloit, Wis., March 25, 1883, to the plaintiff, was introduced by the defence. Mr. Relchart "We have been waiting patiently for those cards. If the honorable Senator does not come to time pretty soon send for me, and I will bring alone my pet stuffed club and end the business." The plaintiff declared she believed that Governor Reichart always thought she was sharon's wife but she never told him about the secret

FOUND ON THE DISSECTING TABLE.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20,-Archie Morris, colored, sixty years of age, disappeared about January 19, and was not heard of until by chance his body was found, on Tuesday last, on the dissecting table of a medi-cal school in this city. Investigation disclosed the fact that Morris had died in the Bucks County Almshouser and as the body was unclaimed it was sent to the medical school in accordance with an act of Assembly. The body of Albert Anderson, a friend of Morris's, who died on January 10, was also found on an adjoining slab.

THE COLORADO COAL AND IRON COMPANY.

A WARM DEBATE BETWEEN MESSRS, PALMER, SCOTT AND LOVEJOY.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Colorado Coal and Iron Company, yesterday, a committee consist ing of Charles Moran, L. H. Meyer, Reuben Leland, Isidor Wormser and Spencer Trask was appointed to cooperate with a similar committee recently appointed at meeting in Philadelphia, to prepare a ticket for the annual meeting in April. Yesterday's meeting was characterized by a debate between President Palmer, of the company, and William L. Scott and President Lovejoy, on the part of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company. During the discussion, Mr. Scott said that when he entered the discussion, Mr. Scott said that when he entered the Denver directory General Palmer, who was the president, was drawing salaries of over \$42,000 from the associated companies, and that his subordinates were paid in an equally liberal manner. General Palmer in re-ply referred to Mr. Scott's railroad career as "simply property of the property of

atroclous. The result of the meeting in the election of the commit-tee by a vote of 29 to 26 was favorable to the present management; but a prominent director of the railroad company said afterward that the meeting had been packed in General Painer's interest and that the largest stockholders were not in favor of retaining the present board.

RECEIVER FOR A YELLOWSTONE COMPANY.

A. L. Love, cashier of the Bank of Livingston, of Livingston, Mont., has been appointed receiver of the Yellowstone Park Improvement Company by Judge Nixon, of the United States Circuit Court, sitting at Trenton N. J., on the application of Charles E. Quincey, of this city, one of the creditors of the company. The company, of which Rufus Hatch has been the chief promoter, was organized in January of last year, but work had already been begun in the park in the preceding October, under a contract originally granted by the Secretary of the Interior to C. T. Hobart and H. F. Douglas. The company had a nominal capital of \$15,000, with authority to increase it to \$2,000,000. Mr. Hatch acquired an interest in the contract, and after the organization of the company he went to Europe for the purpose of floating a part of its stock. The exclusive rights in the park granted by the contract were taken away by the action of Congress in his absence, and he returned without having marketed the stock. Mr. Hatch has personally paid out \$112,000 in improvements in the park, and altogether about \$130,000 has been expended there. The company has a debt of about \$80,000. It is expected that money will soon be raised to enable the receiver to conduct the hotel during the coming season. had a nominal capital of \$15,000, with authority to in-

MOVEMENTS IN THE SOUDAN.

A COUNCIL OF THE REBELLIOUS SHEIKS. GENERAL GORDON ANNOUNCES THAT HE CANNOT

HOLD KHARTOUM-THE ARABS RESTLESS. LONDON, March 20.-The dispatches received from the newspaper reporters at Suakim are in serious conflict with one another. One report is that spies, who have returned to Suakim, assert that Osman Digma, fearing that he would lose his head or be captured because of the reward of £1,000 offered by Admiral Hewett, has fled to the interior with a few followers, and that the slaves were deserting his army and fleeing into Suakim. Another report is that Osman Digma has summoned the tribes to a meeting to-morrow in order to arrange for a renewal of active warlike operations. Admiral Hewett has withdrawn his offer of a reward for Osman Digma's head. It is thought to be certain that Osman Digma has convened a meeting at Sinkat of the sheiks of all the tribes, in order to concert a re-

newal of the fighting. Colonel Stewart, with the Gordon Highlanders and mounted infantry, has reconneitered to a point one mile beyond Hambuk, which is twenty miles beyond Handouk, on the road from Suakim to Berber. Sheik Monisa, at the head of the Becharis, numbering 8,000 men, is threatening Shendy. It

numbering 8,000 men, is threatening Shendy. It is feared that the post boat, which left Berber vesterday to try to penetrate to Khartoum, will be stopped at Shendy.

The French Consul at Cairo has received a dispatch from the French Consul at Khartoum, saying that on March 4 General Gordon held a conference with the Consuls of Austria, Greece and France, when he declared that he would be unable to defend the town against the tribes advancing from the South, North and West. He hoped that Zobehr Pacha would arrive with help. In the meantime he committed the government of the town to three native notables and Sheik Obeidullah.

The English troops going to Assouan have been ordered to Korosko, where the Arabs are reported

to be restless.

CAIRO, March 20.—El Mahdi is organizing an artillery corps, composed of Egyptian descriers. When the corps is completed, he will set out on the march to Berber. He has with him twelve European and sixty Egyptian officers of Hicks Pacha's army.

CONSERVATIVE AND IRISH TACTICS. LONDON, March 20,-The Daily News, in an article

discussing the possibility of a dissolution of Parliament and urging the Liberals to be ready to take action at a moment's notice, says: "Never since the days of Bolingbroke has England seen a great party so unscrupulous and unpatriotic as the Opposition, which takes every advantage of the difficulties of the Government and allies itself with

any cause or party which promises to embarrass the Cabinet. Sir Stafford Northcote is not the originator of these tactics, but he winks at them."

Mr. Parnell is preparing for the anticipated dissolution of Parliament. He has already seiected sixty Parliamentary candidates. His party will contest ninety seats, and expects to be able to carry sevents. Fig.

THE ITALIAN MINISTRY RESIGN. ROME, March 20.—The Ministry have resigned owing to the smallness of the majority by which Signor Coppino was elected President of the Cham-

ber of Deputies. He was the Government's candi-

date. Fifty-four blank ballots were cast, showing the wish of the Deputies that there should be a change in the Cabinet.

FRENCH PLANS IN TONQUIN. Paris, March 20 .- After the capture of Hung-Hoa, the French will fix the western frontier of Tonquiu at Tuan-Kwan, which is now in possession of the Black Flags. The Black Flags will be allowed to retain all the towns from Tuan-Kwan to to Sao-Kai, on condition that they will guarantee the free navigation of the upper Song-Koi River. The northern frontier of Tonquin will extend from Phulang-huong to Tuan-Kwan, by way of Phubinh and Phu-doan-hong. It has been decided that the French campaign in Tonquin will terminate with the capture of Hung-Hoa.

THE GERMAN ANTI-SOCIALIST LAW, Berlin, March 20 .- In the debate on the clever and Bebel protested against the identification of Anarchists with Socialists. They said that the law had Anarchists with Socialists. They said that the law had not injured the Socialists, that its application only exasperated them. Dr. Marquardsen, in the name of the National Liberals, declared in favor of the bill. Herr von Puttkamer, Rossian Minister of the Interior, said he hoped that the social reform already began would bring the masses to their senses; that the abrogation of the law was now less than ever advisable, as it protected Germany against the dangerous excesses with which most countries were afflicted.

LORD HAMPDEN SUCCEEDED BY A TORY. LONDON, March 20 .- An election was held in Cambridgeshire to-day to fill, the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the retirement of Sir Henry Brand (now Lord Hampden). Mr. Thornhill, the Conservative candidate, received 3,815 votes, and Mr. Coote, Liberal, 2,912. Sir Henry Brand, the last representative, was elected as a Liberal.

MLLE. NEVADA'S DEBUT IN PARIS.

PARIS, March 20 .- Mlle. Nevada made her debut to-night at the Theatre des Italiens. The house was crowded, among the spectators being politicians, artists, and the principal American residents. Mr. Morton, the United States Minister, was greeted with cheers when he entered. Mile. Nevada achieved a brilliant success.

THE MEXICAN EXPOSITION.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 20 .- At a second neeting held to discuss the feasibility of holding a universal exposition here next year, it was decided to appoint a committee to ascertain whether sufficient funds can be raised. If \$250,000 can be secured to begin with, the exposition will be officially announced. The principal promoters are Americans.

THE POPE TALKS OF LEAVING ROME. PARIS, March 20.-Much attention has been excited by a letter from Rome which appears in the Defense, a clerical newspaper. The writer recounts the charges of the Papacy against Italy. The Pope believes that his independence is threatened, especially since the Court of Cessation rendered its decision that the real property of the Propaganda Fide should be converted into Italian rentes. The letter asserts that his Holiness is again considering the advisability of leaving Rome.

AMERICAN PAINTINGS IN THE SALON. Paris, March 20.-Mr. Bacon is represented at the Salon by two sea pieces, scenes off the coast of Normandy, Mr. Harrison has a moonlight sea piece and a shipwreck, Mr. Sargent two portraits, and Mr. Donoho, who is represented for the first time at the Salon, a land-

THE ONTARIO BRIBERY CASE. ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A VOTE IN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE. TORONTO, March 20.-The Committee on Privileges and Elections met again to-day. H. P. Dwight, General Manager of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, was called upon to produce copies of the tele-

grams relating to the conspiracy against the local government. He said that he had not had time to get the telegrams together, and that he would require further

time to be advised as to whether the committee had

proper authority to warrant the production of private

proper authority to warrant the production of private messages.

Thomas Goldle, of Guelph, testified that he had not approached Mr. Laidlaw, M. P. P., or offered him money to help defeat the Government. He had never made any overtures to that sentleman at any time. Mr. McKim, M. P. P., made a statement that he had been approached by Wilkinson, who asked him to support the vote of want of confidence in the Government. He was offered \$1,000 to supportthe measure, which was to be brought forward by the opposition. He saw Wilkinson several times about the matter, and finally explained the whole affair to Mr. Pardee, Commissioner of Crown Lands. Mr. Pardee pressed him to go on with the negotiations, and draw Wilkinson out as far as possible. The witness then went and saw Wilkinson again and came to satisfactory terms with him. The \$1,000 was handed over by Wilkinson to him on the condition named. In answer to one of the committee Mr. McKim acknowledged that he had skined a "round-robin" before the money was handed to mim. The court then adjourned unit to-morrow.

An application was made at Ocgood Hall this morning, before Judge Garrett, to admit to bill the had skined to ball. The application was granted, ball being allowed in each of the prisoners own surrely of \$4,000, and two surreless of \$2,000 cach. They will be released from Jall talls afternoon. Kirkland ledged an affidavit before the Judge, denying that he ever handed any money to any member of the local Legislature, and that he was frequently approached by McKim, M. P., for money for

to induce other members of the Legislature to vote against the Government. CITY REFORM LEGISLATION.

FOREIGN NOTES.

London, March 20.—The appointment of Crown Prince Gustaf as Viceroy of Norway is only during the tempo-rary absence of the King. London, March 20.—The Maort King will sail from Auckland for England by Way of San Francisco April 1. London, March 20.—A bill has been introduced in the

House of Commons providing for the restriction of the sale of patented medicines until they have been officially analyzed and prenounced not poisonous.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—Twenty-seven Nihilists

were arrested here to-day. Among them were four ar-tillery officers.

LONDON, March 20 .- Lieutenant-Colonel F. De Winton, who was military secretary to the Marquis of Lorne while the latter was Governor-General of Canada, has received from the King of the Belgians, the appointment of Gov-ernor of the international mission on the Congo River.

LONDON, March 20.—Mr. Birch has completed the me-morial statue of the Hon. George Brown for Toronto. CLASSIFIED FOR TAXATION.

Boston, March 20 .- The Boston Board of Assessors presented to-day to the legislative committee on taxation a bill providing for the assessment of busi-ness and business capital in this State, including all persons, copartnerships, associations or corporations, and excepting only such corporations as are taxable under the provisions of the public statutes. Industries are divided into separate classes. The first class includes manufacturers; the second, merchants and traders, inmanufacturers; the second, merchants and traders, including ship-owners; the third, bankers, banks and brokers; the fourth, artists, architects, chemists, dentists or others using tools in the conduct of their business; the fifth, auctioneers, clergymen, lawyers, physicians and teachers; the sixth, commission merchants and factors; the seventh, all persons or organizations who hire places of business through clerks or agents who offer goods for sals; the eighth, all persons or organizations described in the seventh class who sell or offer wares for sale, but hire no place of business.

THE FIRE RECORD.

GALVESTON, March 20 .- A dispatch to The Vetes from Whitewright, Grayson County says: The business houses of Hoard & Linely, grocery and hardware, and Pennington, Sears & Company general store, were destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$30,000, insurance \$ 15,000.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 20 .- A fire late last night at Mason, Tenn., destroyed Griffin's Hotel and the stores of J. L. Webster and J. W. Ashnor. HAVERHILL, Mass., March 20 .- The Riverside Block

was partially burned last night. Losses \$12,000; in-LANCASTER, Penn., March 20-8.M. Long's tobacco warehouse at Manhelm was destroyed by fire this morning, with the contents, consisting of over three hundred cases of tobacco and a large quanity of manufactured cigars. Loss \$35,000; insurance \$22,000.

DESPERATE FREIGHT CAR ROBBERS.

St. Louis, March 20.-Three negroes, Lewis, Freeman and Anderson, boarded several freight trains near East St. Louis late last night and to-doy, and with drawn revolvers overawed the conductors and brakemen and robbed the cars. At noon to-day a posse headed by Alderman Green, from East St. Louis, attacked the negroes six miles from the city. After an exchange of over forty shots the negroes were arrested and placed in Jail. Anderson received a load of backshot in his side and arm. Alderman Green was shot in the knee and was brought back to the city in a wagon. No one cise was

RESCUE OF A SHIPWRECKED CREW.

SAVANNAH, March 20.-The Norwegian bark Stella from Tarragona, arrived here to-day, having on board the captain and crew of the Italian bark Adelaide Chiavari, from Leghorn for New-York, with marble. The latter vessel was abandoned on February 18, in a shiking condition, with six feet of water in the hold and the decks working open.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FALLING.

New-Orleans, March 20.-The river here

New-Orleans, March 20.—The river here has fallen two inches; at Vieksburg it has raised nine inches. A dispatch from the latter place to The Picagune says: The steamer Head Light, from Clarksdale, on the Sundower River, 350 miles above here, reports but he water there is four mehes higher than ever before a nown, but is now falling.

A BAND OF JUVENILE THIEVES.

Boston, March 20.—Fifteen boys were arrested at South Boston last night, and three of the leaders were held for examination. Many small larcenies are charged to them, their crimes being planned in an old cellar which they called their den. Coleman O'Donnell, the leading spirit of the gang, is sixteen years old, and had recently been released from a reformatory instituhad recently been released from a reformatory institution. The ages of the others range from twelve to fifteen years. They had a peculiar language known only to members of the gang, and for an hour mystified the of-ficers at the station with their conversation.

A CHINESE LABORER LANDS AT BOSTON

Boston, March 20 .- Ah Fin, an alleged Chinese deserter from the German vessel Gerd Hey, was this norning discharged by Judge Nelson, of the United States Court. Ah Fin left the vessel because he was not discharged with the other members of the crew upon their arrival here. The German Consul, on the other hand, claimed that under the treaty with China the captain had no right to discharge Ah Fin, and that the latter had no right to land. It was shown that Ah Fin was a native of Singapore.

ILLEGAL USE OF THE MAILS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20,-Max Simson was arrested some time ago in New-York and discharged from custody, on the charge of carrying on the lottery policy business in New-York and using the mails for that purpose. After his discharge he was indicted in Newyork and on Wednesday night he was taken into custody in this city. To-day he was giving a hearing before Commissioner Bell and held in \$1,000 ball for his appearance in New-York on Monday.

FEIGNING AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

St. Louis, March 20.-It is now stated that ted attempt at suicide in jail yesterday of George H. McFadden, Titler's accomplice in the Pacific Express obbery, was a hoax. It is supposed to have been a trick of McFadden to get into the hospital, from which escape world have been easy. McFadden was as well as ever to-day. He pretended to have swallowed pleces of a broken vial, and to be in great pain last night.

TRYING TO DEFRAUD HIS CREDITORS. PHILADELPHIA, March 20 .- William Easby, the sugar refiner, against whom Stevenson, Fernald & ently recovered a verdict for some \$48,000, was brought before Judge Ludiow this afternoon, on a war-rant of arrest issued upon the affidavit of a member of that firm, charging him with disposing of his property with the intention of defrauding his creditors. Judge Ludlow fixed the ball at \$50,000.

A PROLONGED PRIZE FIGHT.

PITTSBURG, March 20 .- "Jack" Davis, of Wheeling, and "Jim" Conners, of this city, had a des perate prize fight with hard gloves, for a cup valued at \$200, in a barn in the East End to-night. Seventy-two rounds were fought, both men suffering severely. Conners was declared the winner. Davis being so weak at the conclusion of the battle as to be unable to stand. When the fight was over fourteen policemen forced the door of the barn open and succeeded in arresting Davis and a number of spectators.

TO BE TRIED FOR POST OFFICE ROBBERY. BALTIMORE, March 20.-William Lacey, a son of Major Lucey, of Púdiana, was put on trial to day for robbing the post office at Suitland, Md., on December 30, 1881.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

A RESPITE FOR A MURDERER. HARRISBURG, Penn., March 20.—This morning the Governor granted a respite until June 3 to Jesse Carter, of Allegheny County, sentenced to be banged on April 3.

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CAR-DRIVERS THREATEN TO STRIKE.
CINCINNATI, March 20.—A number of street-car drivers struck recently because the awnings were removed by the company from the front of their cars. The awnings were immediately replaced, and two of the leading drivers were dismissed. The others thereupon threatened to strike, but have not yet done so.

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PITISBURG, March 20.—The Chamber of Commerce protested to-day against the passage of various hostile patent bills now before Congress, and requested Senators and Representatives to give them carried consideration, and endeavor to prevent legislation which will discourage invention.

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THE REVENUE MARINE SERVICE.

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marine service. SECRETARY CHANDLER AT NORFOLK.

SECRETARY CHANDLER AT AUGUSTA.

FORTHESS MONICE, March 20.—The United States steamer Tallapeosa, with the Secretary of the Navy and Board of Inspectors on board, arrived here this morning. The Board inspected the steamer Ossipee. Secretary Chandler spent the day at Norfolk and will be here to-

THE SECOND NEW-YORK BILL PASSED.

THE LEGISLATURE DECIDES THAT THE CONTROLLEG SHOULD BE ELECTED.

FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE. ALBANY, March 20 .- The second of the New-York reform bills, that providing for the election of the Controller, has passed the Legislature. Senator Gibbs's measure was the one passed. It declares that a Controller shall be elected in New-York in November next, whose term of office shall last for three years, from January 1, 1885. He may be removed by the Governor upon charges regularly preferred against him; but the Mayor is authorized to fill the vacancy till a successor of the man removed can be ejected. It is considered necessary to make the office elective instead of appointive, in view of the unrestricted power of appointment conferred on the Mayor by the Roosevelt act. If now the bill authorizing the election of a President of the Board of Aldermen becomes a law, the people will have three direct representatives in the Board of Estimate and Appointment, the financial board of the city. The Assembly passed the bill by a vote of 78 to 1. The sole vote against the bill was given by Mr. Dayton, of New-York.

The bill in regard to the President of the Board of Aldermen is in the order of third reading and will probably be passed to-morrow. There is no opposition to it.

Another measure that will interest residents of New-York was introduced by Assemblyman Oliver. This was the Andrews Constitutional amendment, passed by the Democratic Legislature of 1882. In effect it gives the cities the sole charge of their government, depriving the Legislature of any power to interfere with them, except by general laws applicable to all cities. It is not probable that the amendment will be passed by the present Legislature. Interference with city governments by the Legislature is admitted to be an evil by all the leading Republicans, but they are not yet ready to cut off the residents in cities from relief from & corrupt administration of their affairs. The Senate Judiciary Committee has held since the beginning of the session the Andrews amendment, but shows no disposition to report it favorably, and is not likely to do so.

Senator Daly to-dayIntroduced a bill reducing all the departments of New-York to single-headed commissions, decreasing the terms of department commissioners till they correspond with the Mayor's, and giving the Mayor the absolute power of appointment and removal.

FORESTRY LEGISLATION.

THE PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE'S BILL REPORTED

TO THE ASSEMBLY.
[FROM THE REGULAR CORRUSPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, March 20.-After two weeks slumber in the Committee on Public Lands the bill to provide protection for the State lands in the Adirondack wilderness is again before the Assembly. It was reported appointment of a Forest Commissioner by the Governor and Senate, who is to serve for three years; and is to have "the care and custody of all lands owned, or which may be hereafter acquired, under existing laws by the State in the Counties of Clinton, Pasex, Franklia, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence and Warren.

The Commissioner is to make rules with reference to the State lands "for the prevention and punishment of trespass thereon, the prevention and extinguishment of fires thereon, and the general preservation of the forests

MINOR LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUSE 1
ALBANY, March 20.—General Husted intreduced a bill to-day which authorizes the Governor to appoint a commission of thirty-two persons, four from each judicial district, to draw up amendments to the Constitution providing for the relief of the Court of Appeals from

some of its business. The canal appropriation bills were considered and erdered to a third reading by the Assembly to-day. The fellowing amounts were appropriated: Interest on canal debt, \$506,319; appropriation for awards, \$33,266 14; sums due contractors, \$113,590 38; for Champlain Canal, \$201,283 66; reappropriated, \$131,066 49; for ordinary repairs; \$650, 000; for canal debt, \$950,310. Of these amounts only the last two will be levied in taxes; the others being reappropriations. The total amount to be levied for the support of the canals and for the payment of the casal

debt will therefore be \$1,600,310. The Assembly Judiciary Committee reported favorably to-day the Senate bill to abolish the State paper. The Senate passed the Appropriation bill with the appropriation of \$300,000 for the National Guzzi ed. Senator Cullen (Dem.), of New-York, moved that the appropriation for the support of the Civil Services

Commissioners be reduced to six cents. The motion of

tained the support of six or seven Democrats, but was lost, Senator Titus, of Buffalo, attacked the appropriation for tained the support of six or seven Democrats, but was lost, Senator Titus, of Buffalo, attacked the appropriation for the State Survey, but was defeated.

Mr. Daly introduced in the Senate a bill for the government of New-York. It provides for single-headed Commissions. It makes the term of the Mayor three years, and gives him an absolute power of appointment and of removal for cause. It further makes the terms of all the commissioners correspond virtually with the term of the appointment power, as the terms of the commissioners expire thirty days after that of the Mayor. The bil also prevides for the election of the President of the Board of Aldermen by the people, and makes the Controller active. The bil further takes the Bureau of Elections out for the Police Board, and provides for a municipal election in the spring. The Andrews from Rule resolutions to provide for an amendment to the Constitution, which passed the last Legislature, were concurred in by the Assembly to-day.

The Assembly Committee on Cities reported adversely to-night 28 bills and favorably 18 bills.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported favorably a bill taxing the surplus of savings banks one quarter per cent yearly, and a bill oppropriating \$25,000 for the purchase and equipment of the National Guard Encampment at Peckskill.

THE HEALTH OFFICER AND HIS FEES. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

ALBANY, March 20 .- The Assembly at its night session debated Mr. Wilcox's bill depriving the Health Officer of New-York of his fees, and giving him in place of them a salary of \$10,000. The Democrats and sover I Republicans favored the bill, as being in the line of the bills recently introduced to put the County Republicans favored the bill, as being in the line of the bills recently introduced to put the County Clerk and Register of New-York on salaries and deprive them of their fees. Mr. Husted induced most of the Republicans to oppose the bill on the ground that it was unconstitutional. Mr. Husted agreed that Congress alone had power to put the Health Officer on a salary. Mr. Wilcox made an abic speech in favor of his bill. After a time hours' debate the adverse report of the Judiciary Committee on the bill was rejected by a vote of 54 to 6f. Every Democrat and the following Republicans voted against the adverse report: Clinton, Rossevelt, Haskell, Curtis, Kent, Hunt, Otis, Hawkins, Sipp and Hodges. The rejection of the adverse report sent the bill back to the Judiciary Committee for mather consideration.

A majority of the Assembly desired to degrive the Judiciary Committee of its care, but Mr. Husted made the point of order that this violent course could only be taken under the order of motions and resolutions. The Speaker ruled that the problems who think with them that the Health officer should be deprived of his fees, will be enabled to wrest the bill from the grasp of the Judiciary Committee. Mr. Husted, not discouraged by his defeat, moved the adoption of his resolution requesting Congress to pass a law depriving the Health Officer of his fees. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 61 to 48.

MINNIE HAUK ON A WRECKED TRAIN. PALESTINE, Tex., March 20 .- A passenger

train on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, from Tyler to Palestine, struck a freight train this morning. The engines and cars were badly damaged. Miss Minule Hauk and her company were on the train, but escaped with a few bruises and contusions, which, however, may necessi-tate the cancelling of some of their engagements. Mr. Do Pasquales, the baritone, received a cut on the upper lip. Miss Mintle Haux, although suffering herself, bravely at-tended to the other passengers.